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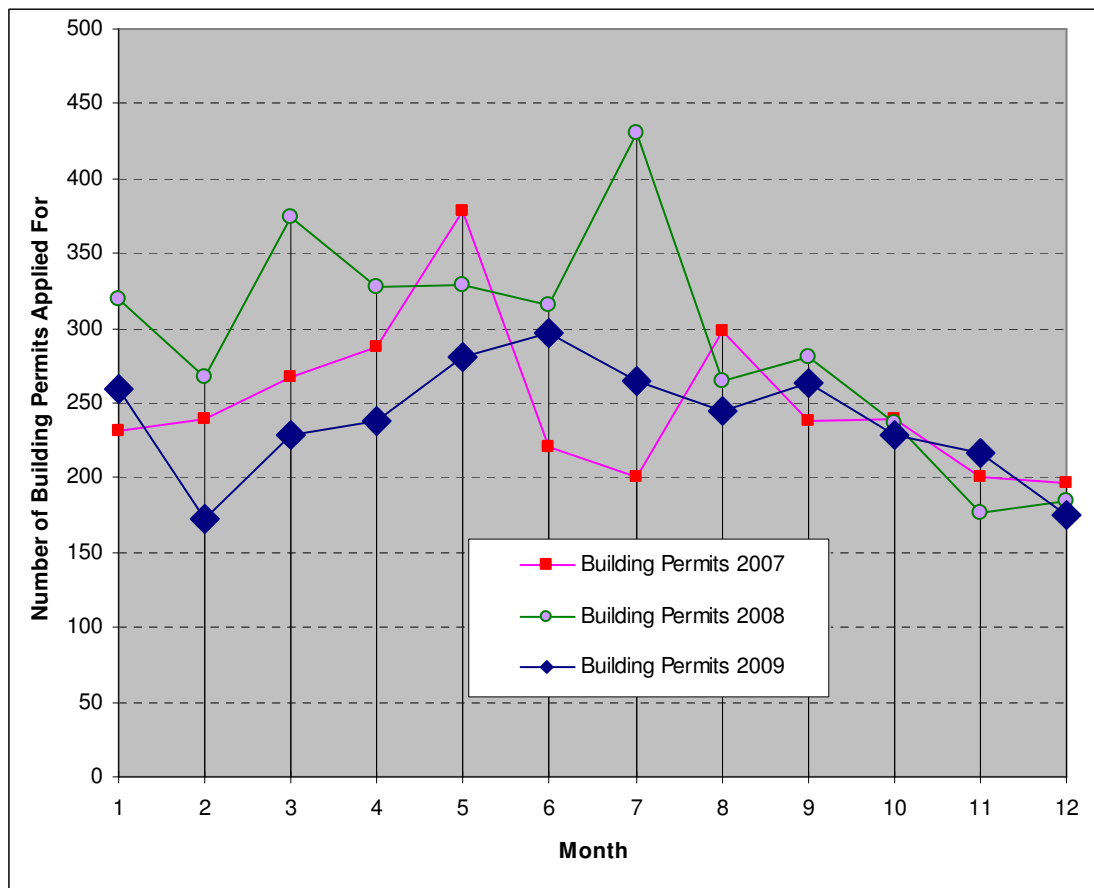
From: Robert Griffin, Building Safety Director

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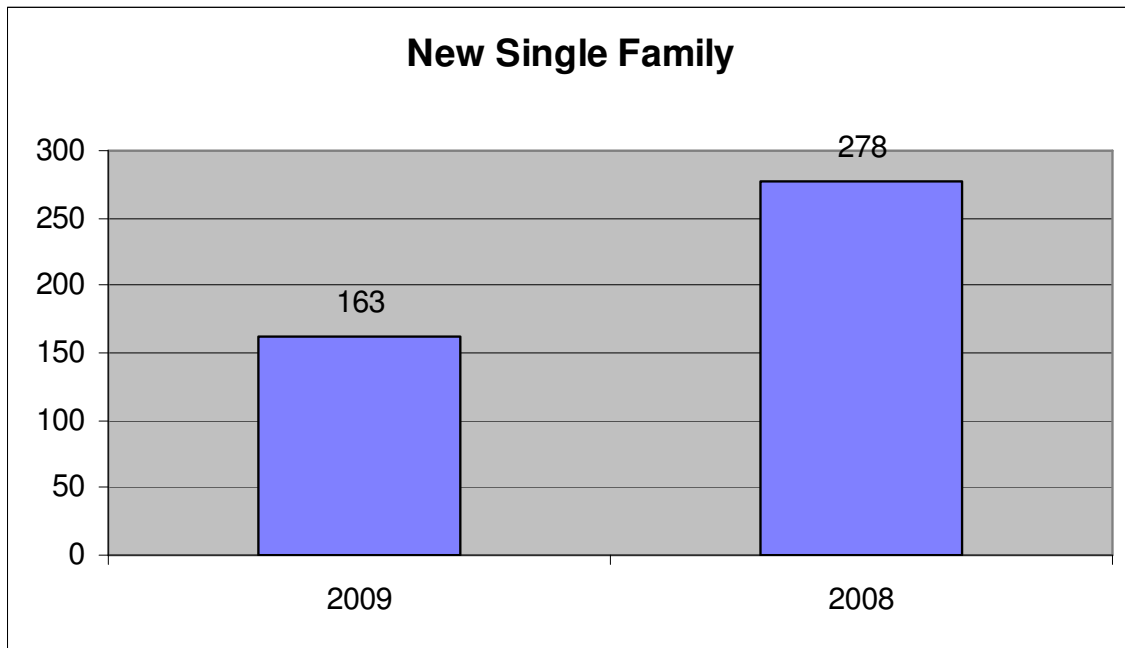
Subject: Calendar Year 2009 Permit Activity

The first graph indicates through June 2009 we were much below 2007 and 2008 in applications received. July through December, while still lower, the application activity increased and was very close to the previous two years. Our fees are based on cost of work for all projects but one and two-family permits. The lower cost of work equates to lower revenue. Staff has been vigilant in determining the cost of work meets or exceeds the International Code Council average for the southeastern United States as updated quarterly. Multi-family is not listed below with only one permit issued for the year. The positive notes have been the past three to five months indicating increases in several permit areas over 2008.

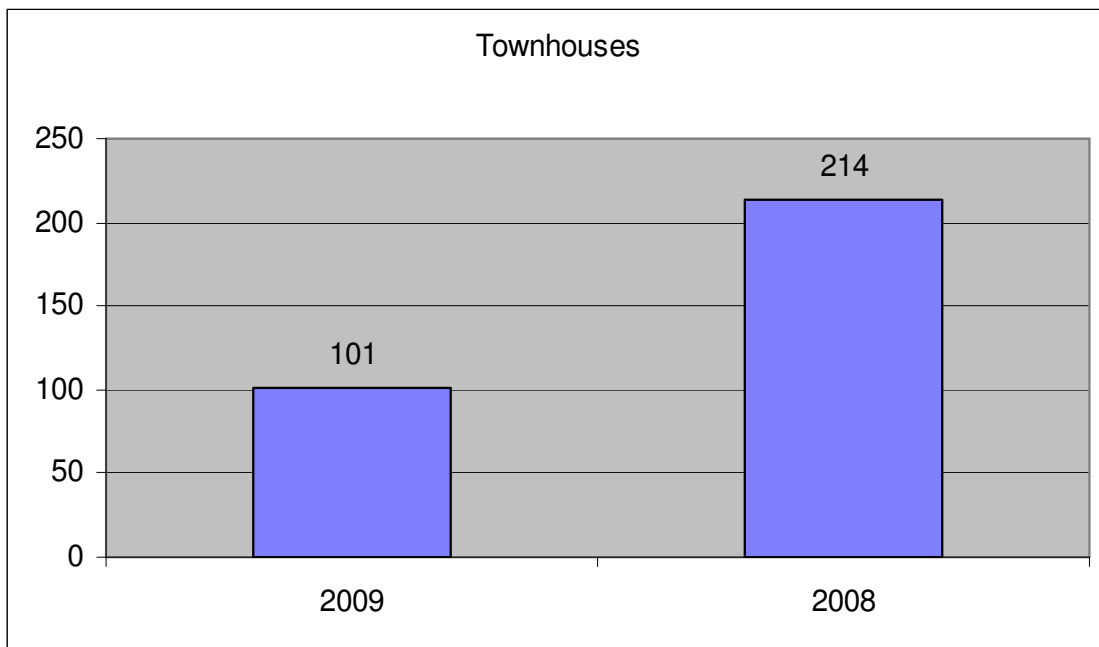
Applications received were 18.23% less than 2008 and 4.217% less than 2007.



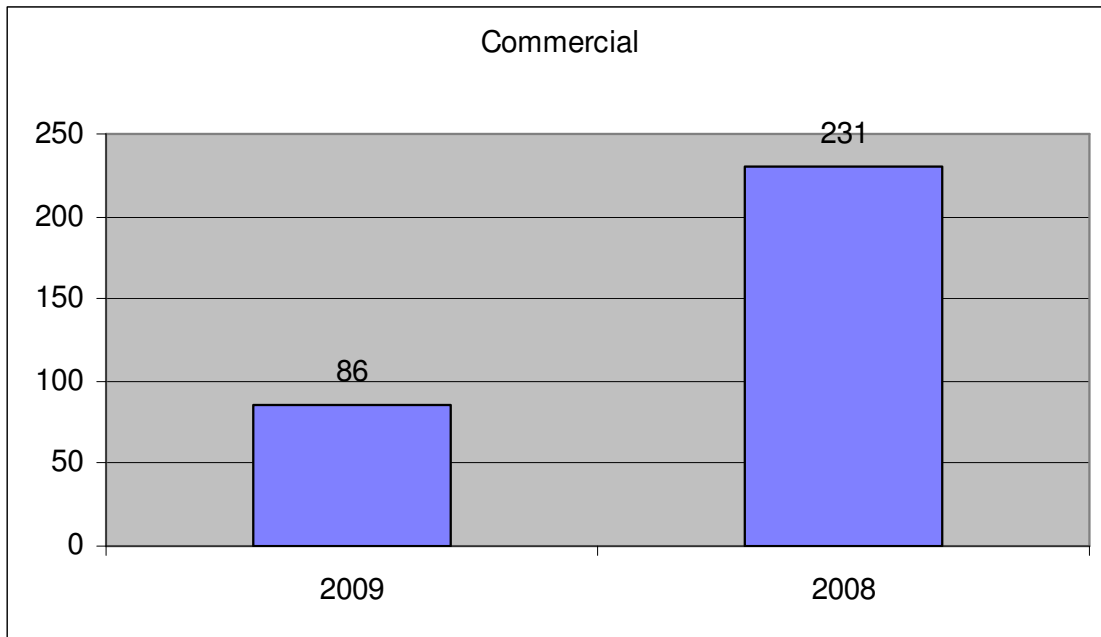
Single family home permits decreased for the year by 41.37%. The average value of each home decreased from \$213,182 to \$191,691 or 10.08%.



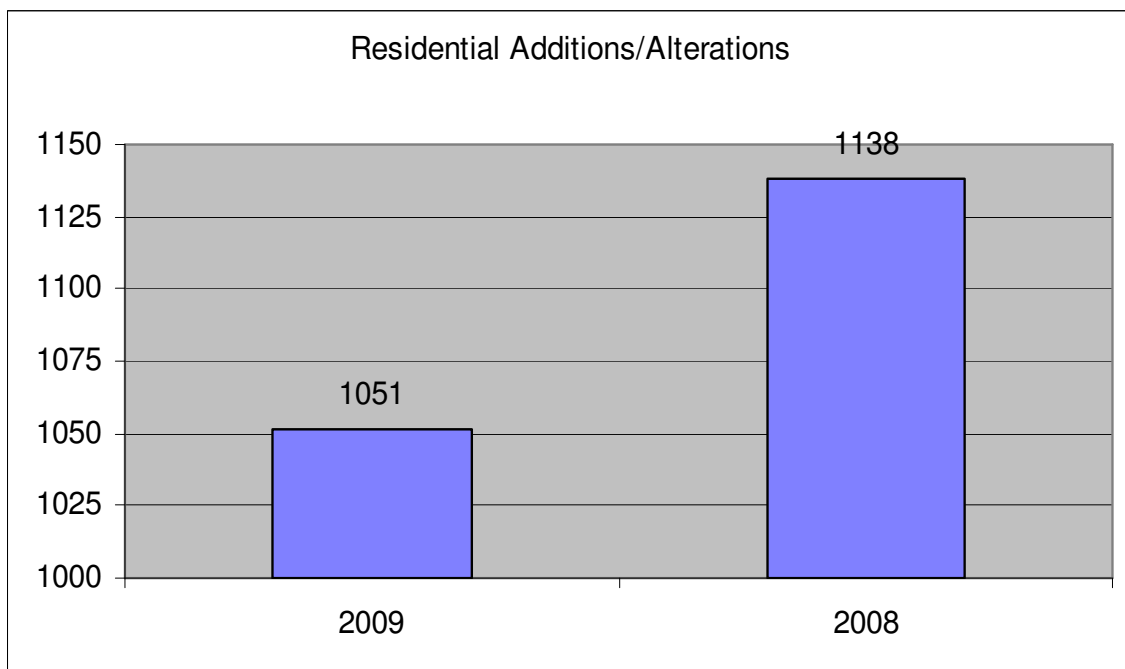
Town homes construction fell by 52.8% and the average value fell by 52.73%.



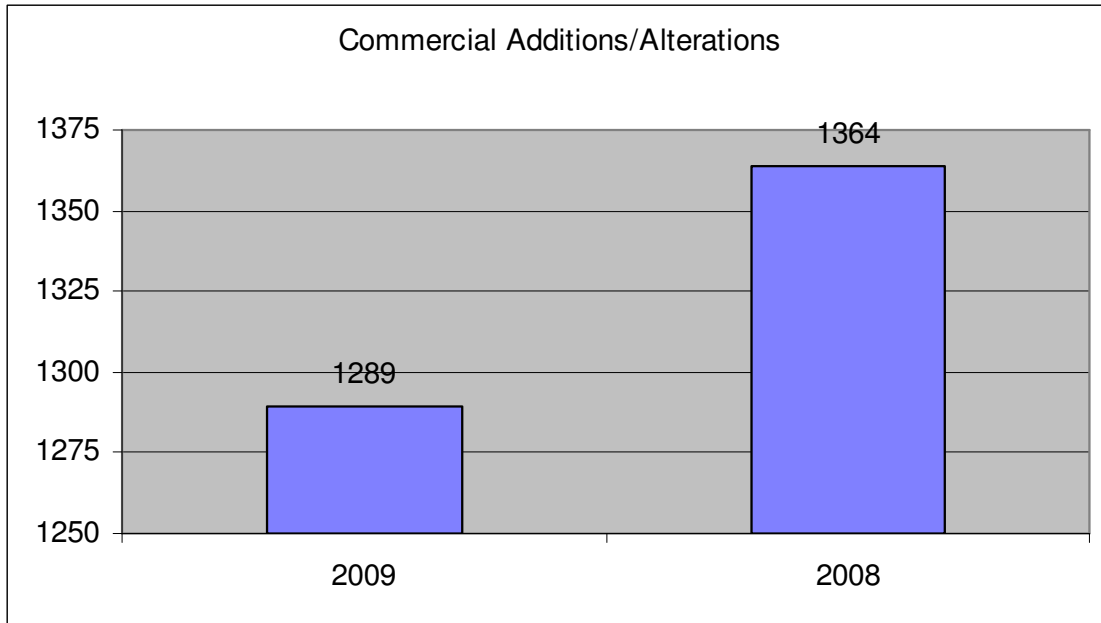
New Commercial permits issued were 37.23% of 2009 total of 231. The commercial average permit value decreased by 52.34% to \$395,798.



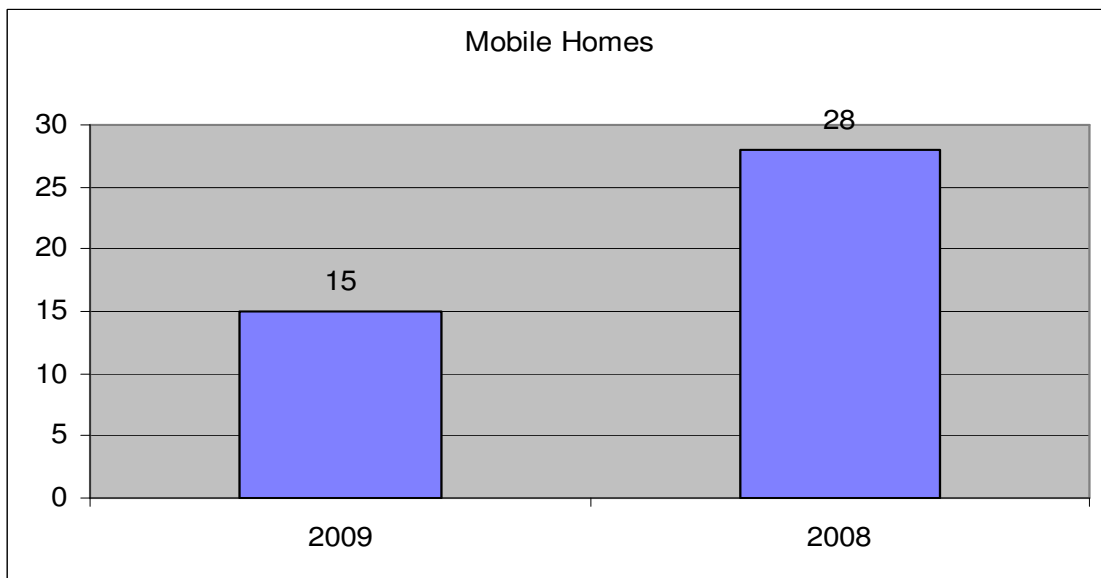
Residential Additions and alterations have been very steady for the majority of the year. Overall these permits were down by 7.64%. The average permit value decreased from \$19,249 to \$15,326 or by 20.38%.



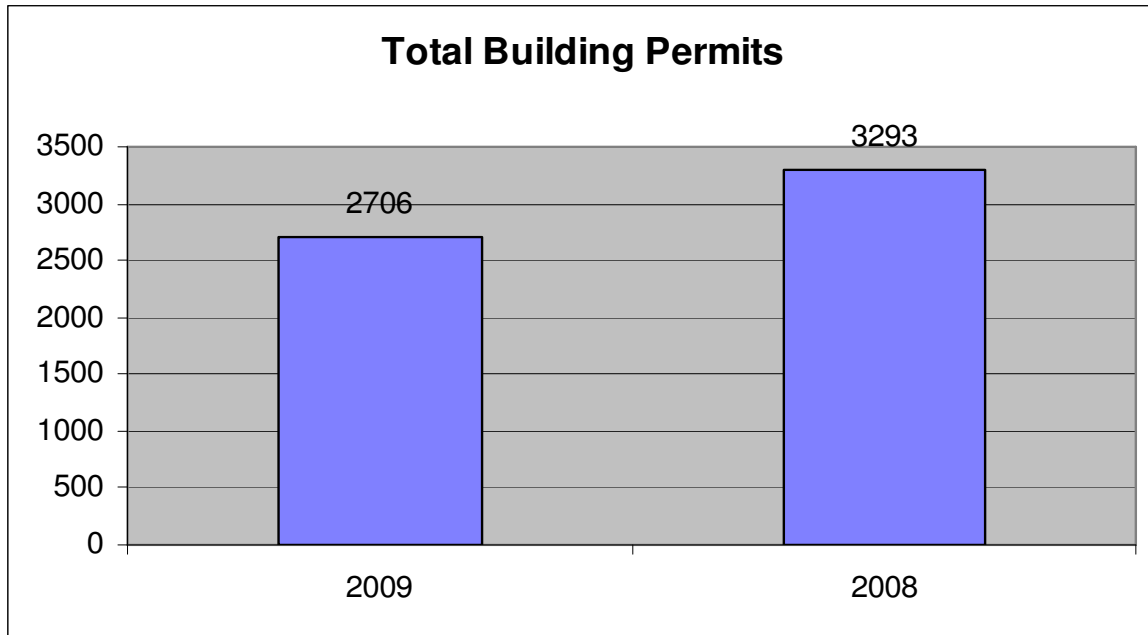
Commercial additions, alterations, and modifications experienced a slight decline. Overall these permits were down by 5.50%. The good news is the average permit value. These increased from \$40,496 to \$70,245 or by 73.46%.



Manufactured homes within the City and ETJ fell by 46.43%. The average value of each home increased by 34.96%.



The total number of permits issued decreased by 17.83% as compared to 2008 and by only 6.53% compared to 2007.



The Construction value for all permits experienced a decrease of 47.49%. The average value of all permits fell from \$106,546 to \$68,090 or a 36.09% decrease in individual permit value.

